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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation scheduled for the House floor

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Week of 19 September 2005

SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) Flexibility for Displaced Workers Act (H.R. 3761).



This bill allows the use of national emergency grant funds provided under the Workforce Investment Act [WIA] of 1998 to address effects of Hurricane Katrina. Specifically, the measure allows States to use the funds to provide disaster relief employment and other WIA assistance, in areas outside the disaster area, to individuals affected by the hurricane who meet WIA eligibility requirements. No cost estimate has been prepared for this bill, but because WIA assistance generally is discretionary spending – spending subject to annual appropriations – the bill is not expected to affect direct spending or revenue.

2) To Extend the Waiver Authority of the Secretary of Education With Respect to Student Financial Assistance During a War or Other Military Operation or National Emergency (H.R. 2132).



This bill extends, through 30 September 2007 the Secretary of Education's authority to waive certain student financial aid requirements. The underlying authority, provided under the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-76), allows the Secretary to waive certain financial aid requirements during a war or other military operation, or national emergency. The Congressional Budget Office [CBO] has not provided an official cost estimate for the measure, but preliminary discussions indicate that the bill is not expected to affect direct spending or revenue.

3) To Temporarily Extend the Programs Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for Other Purposes (H.R. 3784).



This bill extends, through 31 March 2006, programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as well as the authorizations of appropriations for those programs. No cost estimate has been prepared for this bill, but the bill limits authorization levels to the greater of: 1) the authorized amount; or 2) the appropriated amount for fiscal year 2004. Therefore, the bill is not expected to affect direct spending or revenue.

4) To Extend Through December 31, 2007, the Authority of the Secretary of the Army to Accept and Expend Funds Contributed by non-Federal Public Entities to Expedite the Processing of Permits (H.R. 3765).



Although no official cost estimate has been prepared, the legislation that is extended by H.R. 3765 was expected to allow the Secretary to accept and expend less than \$500,000 each year, and as a result the effect on direct spending and revenue is expected to be negligible.

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- 5) Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Amendments Act of 2005 (H.R. 3649). This bill ensures that specific accounts receive previously authorized funding for sportfishing and boating safety programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. The Congressional Budget Office ICBOI has not provided an official cost estimate for the measure, but it does not appear to affect the net level of direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or revenue.
- 6) A Bill to Amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to Extend the Date After Which Surplus Funds in the Wildlife Restoration Fund Become Available for Apportionment (S. 1340).



This bill extends, through fiscal year 2016, the authority to use certain amounts in the Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund for waterfowl conservation grants carried out under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. It does not affect direct spending or revenue.

7) A Bill to Direct the Secretary of the Interior to Conduct a Boundary Study to Evaluate the Significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Suitability and Feasibility of Its Inclusion in the National Park System as Part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, and for Other Purposes (H.R. 394).

This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to study, within 2 years, the suitability and feasibility of adding the Colonel James Barrett Farm to the Minute Man National Historical Park in Massachusetts. The bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

- 8) Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2005 (H.R. 409). This bill directs the Secretary of Agriculture to convey specified land at the Mt. Diablo Meridian in California in exchange for certain non-Federal land and a payment of \$50,000, if the owner of the land satisfies certain criteria. The payment is to be deposited into a fund used for the acquisition of lands for the National Forest System in California, without the need for further appropriation. Although no cost estimate has been prepared for this bill, CBO estimated that an identical bill in the 108th Congress (H.R. 1651) would have increased both direct spending and offsetting receipts – which are accounted for as reductions in direct spending – by \$50,000. The result would be no net effect on direct spending. H.R. 1651 would not have reduced revenue.
- 9) To Congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Discovery Crew of Commander Eileen Collins, Pilot Jim Kelly, Mission Specialist Charlie Camarda, Mission Specialist Wendy Lawrence, Mission Specialist Soichi Noguchi, Mission Specialist Steve Robinson, and Mission Specialist Andy Thomas On the Successful Completion of Their 14 Day Test Flight to the International Space Station For the First Step of the Vision For Space Exploration, Begun From the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, on July 26, 2005, and Completed at Edwards Air Force Base, California, on August 9, 2005. This Historical Mission Represented a Great Step Forward Into the New Beginning of the Second Space Age (H.Res. 441). This resolution has no budget implications.
- 10) Recognizing Space Shuttle Commander Eileen Collins, Mission Specialist Wendy Lawrence, and the Contributions of All Other Women Who Have Worked With NASA in Preparing For the Launch of Space Shuttle Discovery on STS-114 (H.Res. 446). This resolution has no budget implications.



11) Providing For Acceptance of a Statue of Po'Pay, Presented by the State of New Mexico, For Placement in National Statuary Hall, and for Other Purposes (H.Con.Res. 242).

This resolution has no budget implications.

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Budget Week Page 2 12) United States Parole Commission Extension and Sentencing Commission Authority Act of 2005 (S.1368).



This bill extends the U.S. Parole Commission for 3 years. It also directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to amend the Federal sentencing guidelines, commentary, and policy statements to implement provisions of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and the Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004. No final cost estimate for this measure has been prepared, but the bill is not expected to affect direct spending or revenue.

13) To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 200 South Barrington Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Karl Malden Station" (H.R.3667).



This bill will not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

14) To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 2600 Oak Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Building" (H.R.3767).



This bill will not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

15) Congratulating the West Oahu Little League Baseball Team For Winning the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series (H.Res. 429).



This resolution has no budget implications.

16) Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day (H.J.Res. 61). This resolution has no budget implications.



LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005 (H.R.250). Bill:



Committee: Science

Summary: This bill authorizes appropriations for fiscal years 2006-08 for programs related to

> manufacturing technology. This includes various programs administered by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and a grant program administered by the National Science Foundation. The measure also provides for an interagency committee on research and development in the field of manufacturing, and an advisory committee to

provide recommendations to the interagency committee.

The bill authorizes discretionary spending of \$2.089 billion over 2006-08 for its grant Cost:

programs. Assuming appropriation of authorized amounts, it will result in outlays of \$1.955

billion over 2006-10. It does not affect direct spending or revenue.

Budget Act: This bill does not violate any provision of the Congressional Budget Act.

Bill: School Readiness Act of 2005 (H.R.2123).



Committee: Education and the Workforce

Summary: This bill reauthorizes the Head Start Program through 2011. The program is intended to

> provide comprehensive child development services to low-income children. Services include education, health, nutrition, and social services, with the overall goal of increasing

the school readiness of young children in low-income families.

Cost: The bill authorizes spending of \$6.9 billion in 2006, and such sums as may be necessary

in 2007 through 2011. This spending would be subject to appropriations. Total

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Budget Week Page 3 authorizations for the 2006-10 period will be about \$35.7 billion, with resulting outlays of \$32.3 billion over the 2006-10 period. H.R. 2123 does not affect direct spending or revenue.

Budget Act: This bill does not violate any provision of the Congressional Budget Act.

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